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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL TALKS

REF: MEXICO 2458

1. DEPT COMMENDS EMBASSY FOR ITS ENERGETIC EFFORTS TO IN
DUCE FONOFF TO PRODUCE NOTE IMPLEMENTING UNDERSTANDINGS
REACHED DURING DECEMBER US-MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS.
UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO ADVISE FONOFF
BY NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "INASMUCH AS EMBASSY HAS
NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM FONOFF AUTHORIZING
THE MEXICAN SIDE TO PROCEED WITH THE ACTIONS PROPOSED DUR-
ING DECEMBER 6 - 7 MEETING, AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT
IT IS NOW NOT POSSIBLE TO MEET THE AGREED JUNE 30, 1974
DATE FOR COMPLETION OF ENVISAGED EXCHANGES, THE EMBASSY
REQUESTS THE FONOFF TO ADVISE IT REGARDING GOM INTENTIONS
TOWARD THIS PROPOSED COOPERATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORT."
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2. FYI IF THERE IS NO MEXICAN REACTION TO THE FOREGOING, WE MAY, ULTIMATELY, HAVE TO RECONSIDER OUR POSITION. WE SEE SERIOUS BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF MEXICAN ORIGIN DEVELOPING IN THE FUTURE, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE AND STATIONARY SOURCE EMISSIONS AND WATER QUALITY OF THE RIO GRANDE; AND IT IS NECESSARY AS A FIRST STEP TO AGREE ON THE IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THESE PROBLEMS. IT IS FAR PREFERABLE FROM OUR STANDPOINT TO HAVE FONOFF CONCURRENCE IN THE LAUNCHING OF THE CO-OPERATIVE EXCHANGES ENVISAGED BY THE UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE OF THE GOM TIE THAT THIS ENTAILS. HOWEVER, IF FONOFF IN-TRANSIGENCE REMAINS, WE MAY HAVE TO MOVE QUIETLY IN THE MONTHS AHEAD TO ALLOW EPA-SMA CONTACTS WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXCHANGE OF THE DESIRED INFORMATION, NOTWITHSTANDING THE LACK OF A FONOFF BLESSING. THEREFORE, THE EMBASSY SHOULD ENSURE THAT IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH FONOFF ON THIS MATTER IT TAKES NO STEPS AT THIS STAGE WHICH WOULD FORECLOSE FUTURE EPA-SMA COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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